

I do not support any removal or change to Morse requirements (element 1). CW, mode A1, is a viable and frequency efficient mode of communications that has proven itself in emergency communications. Mainly because of this mode's superior characteristics of overcoming noise. It is a basic digital mode, that requires nothing more than the human brain to decode. Training to learn morse code is not burdensome for what is now required (element 1, of the testing elements) at 5 words per minute. I believe that as the requirement now stands, no hindrance is placed on an individual to learn morse code other than dedication. Once the code is learned the Amateur has one more mode at his/her disposal. Morse Code (mode A1) is the only mode authorized for use on all frequencies authorized to the Amateur Service.

I also do not support any restructuring plans that would allow Novices and Technicians or any other license class an automatic upgrade of license without further testing.